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W. B. CARR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
tist day of December 1900.

J. F. FARISH.

Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My
term expires April 26, 1901.

PUSH THE PLANS.

Seventy-five workmen are clearing away the wreck of the old City Hospital in preparation for the new building.

Even though this is pleasing, citizens cannot help wondering why the plans for the new City Hospital have not been completed. When the Municipal Assembly passed the ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Improvements to proceed with the work it was announced that the plans would be completed by January 1.

It is now the middle of January. The plans are not completed. No announcement of the time when they will be has been made. When they are finished contractors will require time to bid on weeks hence before this will be done.

While it behooves the Board of Public Improvements to have the plans thoroughly drawn, citizens have a right to expect quick work after the many years of delay. Unnecessary postponement of the beginning of actual construction is not agreeable to public judgment.

NATIONAL TRAIT.

Characteristically American was the action taken by the West Point cadets in voting to abolish hazing.

While every one reads the dispatches telling of this action with some sur prise, yet, after all, hardly anything else was to be expected. It is not the nature just criticism. During the examination of the cadets, there has been, according to General Dick, chairman of the Investigating Committee, a desire to tell the truth. This seeming courageousness on the part of the cadets to spare themselves least of all has given token of the national character. The natural outexopping of this characteristic was the untary action of the cadets in repadiation of bad practices for the future.

Whatever of the bully was manifested in the hasing will be forgotten by the public in this last action of the boys at the academy. It is a braver thing for the cadets to acknowledge the fault and turn over a new leaf than to win many battles. The American people will appreciate the laudable resolutions of the West Pointers in a proportion that will be bounded only by the strict observance of letter and spirit.

RESIDENCE NO ISSUE.

Mr. Seibert's tenure of the Excise Commissionership will, it is announced,

If he proves a thoroughly capable and energetic official there will be in St. Louis no objection to his permanent administration of this important office; except, of course, among local aspirants and their immediate friends.

During the first year of the new century the people of this city will devote their efforts to municipal regeneration. In the entire region of politics and government everything else will be subordinate to the striving after strict, businesslike and impartial conduct of municipal

St. Louis desires to get a full dollar's worth for every dollar paid by taxpayers. Preparation for the World's Fair calls for the greatest possible returns from public money invested.

Coupled with that main purpose is rigid enforcement of all laws affecting the peace, order and moral tone of the community.

Not even the Mayor is more powerful for good or evil than the Excise Commissioner. Acting energetically in connection with the Police Department he can minimize the evils that arise in drinking resorts. If he is independent of local saloon influences and the small fities built around saloons he will be

Mr. Seibert's name has received famorable mention from the auti-wine-

than most citizens upon the needs of the city in saloon regulation. Such an in-

dorsement is a good beginning. Mr. Selbert is a conservative but fearless official, long trained in dealing with men. He is a capable business man, not likely to be either fanatical or lax in executing the law. Probably the Governor could do no better by replacing him in a few months with a resident of St. Louis. The Republic assures the side. Governor that St. Louis will not make an issue of local representation in the Excise Commissionership if Mr. Seibert fulfills the higher demand of thorough enforcement of the law.

#### ALWAYS FOR THE LOBBY.

In contemplating the sud spectacle now presented by a solid Republican representation in the Missouri State Senate, every member of this representation voting obediently as the lobby dictates, it is well to keep in mind the fact that Missouri's Republican Senators have for some time past encouraged the habit of dickering with the lobby element to a dangerous extent.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Globe-Democrat, itself recited but recently, under the depressing influence of a unanimous Republican vote for the lobby side of the ten-days'-limit bill in the State Senate, the mournful story of how the Republicans did business with the lobby in the preceding session of the Legislature. According to the Globe, the Republican Senators in the Fortieth General Assembly had so intimate an understanding with the lobby, and were so prompt to make secret deals with that evil element, that the task of fooling them was easy indeed.

The Globe explains in detail how Republican Senators at that time pledged their support of lobby measures in return for a lobby promise that the lobby would then help them to defeat the Nesbit and police bills. The evidence supporting this theory has for its confirmation the cold fact that Republican Senators undoubtedly voted as the lobby desired. Beyond this, about the only additional fact in evidence is the confessed truth of a secret understanding between the Republicans and the lobby-a most dangerous position for such strenuous legislative "reformers" as the Republicans pretended to be. The people of Missouri will not miss the significance of these plain truths.

Genuine reformers determined upon destroying the power of a legislative lobby do not enter into secret deals with the lobby. We find Republican legislators in Missouri eager for such deals, Faithful servants of the people know that they cannot serve the people and the lobby, such service being impossible of accomplishment. We find the Republican legislators serving the lobby, though proclaiming that they meant thereby to reach a point where they could serve the people. The hypocrisy of the Republicans in this matter is painfully obvious. If they had been resolved upon serving the people, not by any vote of theirs would the ends of the lobby have been served. The Globe-Democrat has itself branded the Republican representation as being controlled by the lobby. The only difference between the present and preceding sessions of the Legislature is that Republicans are now tighting in the open for the lobby where before they fought under cover for the same evil influence.

### AKINS IN WASHINGTON.

It is eminently characteristic of Missouri Republicanism that State Chairman Akins of that outfit should have promptly appeared in Washington to arrange for the distribution of Federal offices in Missouri under the second administration of President McKinley.

It is also amusingly typical that there should be a controversy as to who shall be the official dispenser of "ple" to the hungry Republicans of Missouri. The Chairman of the Republican State Committee desires to learn the extent to which his indorsement will control, regardless of the wishes of Colonel Richard C. Kerens, the Republican National Committeeman from Missouri. There is a lack of harmony between the twoof the American boy to stand out against and each knows that there is no man so powerful with the Missouri "outfit" as he whose hand can reach the Federal pie-counter in Washington.

And, finally, it is the same old Missouri Republicanism that has for so many weary years bored and disgusted the national leaders of the party, inasmuch as it has nothing to report but Republican failure in Missouri. The only difference this year is that it has more failures to report than ever before. The Missouri outfit has now succeeded in losing St. Louis-its one stronghold of recent years in addition to a humiliating failure to make good its pledge of carrying Missourl for its State ticket. It, therefore, comes before the McKinley administration in a singularly forlorn plight.

Nevertheless, there will be the same old Missouri Republican clamor for office as before. This is the one thing in which a Missouri Republican never fails. As long as the breath is in his body he will cry for appointment to office. Chairman Akins is at present illustrating this pecultarity of his clan. It remains to be seen just how much attention a wearied administration will pay to his solicitations.

ENGLAND'S KING.

As the escapades of the Prince of Wales, approaching ruler of England. are reviewed in the daily press, Americans cannot but be glad that he will not be the head of this country's Govern-

While it is true that the titular of England has had of late years but small power as compared with the President of the United States, the future conduct of him who will be King will have a great effect on Great Britain. Happily, his subjects prophesy that he will be equal to the occasion.

Edward VII, as the present Prince of Wales will be called, has had a career with a distinctly Byronic tinge. Yet through it all the faith of Englishmen in their future King has been little short of that old reverence which seems to surround the reigning family of that country. Mordaunt, baccarat, Tennyson's birthday, the Jersey Lily and the Indian voyage are all topics which are familiar to the British subject, but which are mentioned with only slight deprecation, as if the writer or speaker were tender of that divinity which doth hedge a King.

Perhaps this career has made the next

rived at the age of 60 years, it is not too much to believe that he has at least sown all his wild oats. It is certain that he can do little enough harm on the throne, surrounded as he is by the Ministers dictated by the people. How much good his kingly example could do can be best judged by the depth of sincere feeling with which all the world waits for news from his mother's bed-

His highest mission lies not in any great acts of statesmanship, in which be may have a small share, but in mak ing his title of less consequence than his character. Beloved as he is by his people, perhaps more on account of Queen Victoria than aught else, the course which he will choose as England's First Gentleman will be watched with interest in the United States.

### IMPORTANT WORK.

It is pleasantly significant that there should be a notable increase in subscriptions to the local World's Fair fund just as the special St. Louis delegation goes to Washington for a conference with the Congressional committee which

has the World's Fair bill in charge. There is now good reason to believe that Congress will take up the World's Fair bill this week, in a shape satisfactory allke to the leaders of the World's Fair movement and to the national legislators, and start it on its way to a final passage. There is also reason to believe that the local subscription of \$5,000,000 will be completed before the World's Fair bill comes to a vote in Congress.

The St. Louis World's Fair delegation will to-day have a hearing before the Congressional committee in Washington. Some good news should come from the national capital as the result of this hearing. It would be gratifying indeed if, at the time such news arrives, we could be enabled to show our appreciation of it by announcing the completion of the local subscription to the World's Fair fund. This is an excellent time to subscribe.

### NEW RECORD MADE.

In the accounts of the duel between the youthful Baron de Rothschild and the Count de Lubersac, it is related "that sixteen engagements, all of a desperate character, took place" in the short space of ten minutes. At the sixteenth "onslaught," the sword of the Rothschild ripped open the arm of the

Quick work that. It must be a source of satisfaction to the two young men to know that they have established a new record. No American schoolboy could hope to beat that record in a good old-fashioned pummeling match after

school has dismissed. But there is one thing for which the anxious public looked in vain. It was hoped that the Baron and his adversary would shake hands and make up after their "honor" had been sustained, Failure to do this is the one thing lacking to put the finishing touches on the momentous scene in a field near Boulogne-

We learn from the chief Republican organ that Republican legislators assisted in passing the Nesbit law and the police law two years ago. That seems to dispose of the subject as a ponderous political issue.

Those "sixteen desperate engage ments" in the Rothschild-Lubersac duel must have been desperate indeed to have ended in such a horror as a blood-drawing sword-thrust in De Lubersac's arm.

This should be a red-letter week in the history of the World's Fair-especially if the local subscription is completed simultaneously with the taking up of the World's Fair bill by Congress. As a loyal son of Ohlo, Mark Hanns

shouldn't be half so careful about always wearing a pink carnation as about making sure that he carries a buckeye in his trousers' pocket. Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang's visit should be but the beginning of such

jaunts by eminent foreign diplomats destrous of a personal acquaintance with the World's Fair city. Governor Dockery is acting wisely in

might easily choose in haste and repent at lelsure. It will probably puzzle Mr. McKinley to understand upon what basis of party achievement the Missouri Republican

"outfit" is now clamoring for Federal of-West Point cadets in resolving to be good have set an example for every man drawing support from the Government,

whether it be national or municipal. It isn't strange that the Mississippl Valley should produce this country's sweetest songstresses. All Mississippi Valley girls are "birds."

Is it three Kings or three Jacks that Ziegenhein holds as the result of his dealing the Houser-Frank-Prectorius hand to himself?

Wouldn't the Jeff City lobby have a cinch if all Missouri legislators were like the Republican members of the State Senate?

Nobody seems to pay the slightest attention to the fact that Albert Edward has broken all time records as Prince of

Helping-Not Judging.

To sit in judgment on our fellow-man is awkward work, if we the truth confess; For though with eyes severe his deeds we scan flouight to the har of our self-rightcousness. How well we know that every fault we find. The folly, weakness, guile and evil shown. Have equal place firm stationed in our mind. And that the sin we punish is our own.

There's but one human way or weak or stro Standing or stumbling, as the chance may! Oh, kinfolks, hand in hand, let's grope along Heiping and being helped in our degree; The road is weary and its perils great, It is not ours to make it wearier still; We need love's kindliness. Judgment can we

## room leaders, who are better informed ruler all the more beloved. Having ar-IS A RICH MAN'S CLUB.

Labor Leaders Answer Questions Put by the Reverend Charles Stelzle.

### PREACHER TO LECTURE

'The Workingman and the Church, with the Causes and Extent of the Gulf Between Them," will be the general topic of four lectures to be delivered Sunday evenings in Pebruary by the Reverend Charles Steizle at the Menani Street Mission, cor-ner Menard and Julia streets. The lecturer, having been himself a machinist for eight years, hopes to come to the work in hand

well prepared.

Mr. Stelzle has subdivided his theme into four heads, which will be the subject of as many lectures. "Why Some Workingmen Do Not Attend Church" will be the first, following which will be "The Workingman's Substitute for the Church," "The Working-man and Jesus Christ," and "The Mission of the Church." This method of handling his general subject Mr. Stelzie has determined upon after consulting with more

than a hundred labor leaders. On January 4 Mr. Stezle sent out 200 copies of a circular letter to men prominent in the world of labor. He asked each of his correspondents to answer the questions: "What is the cheif fault that worklagmen find with the church? How do they regard Jesus Christ? What, in your opinion, takes the place of the church in the life of the average workingman? What, in your opinion, should engage the attention

or the activities of the church."

More than 100 letters already have been answered, and, with only one exception, Mr. Stelzle says that his correspondents have attacked the church. He says that many of the complaints, he feels, are well founded and just.

CONSIDER THE CHURCH A RICH MAN'S CLUB.

Many recipients of the circular were suspicious, he believes, of him as being a minster. But many, knowing that he had been himself a toiler in the factory, answored unrestrainedly and in most cases with intelligence. Mr. Stelzle served an aprenticeship of five years in the shops of the Hoe Printing Press Company of New York, and then three years as a worker and unionist before entering the Moody Institute of Chicago to study for the minisry, with the purpose of working among

its walls, that, in fact, it is a rich man's club. They have written him that many who go to church on Sundays are em-ployers who squeeze their men six days who so to church on Sundays are em-ployers who squeeze their men six days in the week and from such they almost all was aware from his own life with work-



THE REV. CHARLES STELZLE. Who is endeavoring to ascertain the reason for what he terms work-ingmen's extrangement from the church.

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what is their substitute for the church. Some say flatly that it has come to be the saloon; others name the home; while there are many voters for socialism, the labor union, the lodge, or an outing. In social-ism many of the workers seem to have found great comfort. In his second address Mr. Steizle will go into this carefully, for it is a subject on which he has read broadly and lectured before in Minneapolts and elsewhere in the course of his work. SAYS THE RELIGION OF

### THE APOSTLES IS LACKING.

Without exception, Mr. Steizle said yesterday, workingmen distinguish between the church and the religion of Jesus Christ The majority profess a reverence for the Savior, though scattering in their estimate of him from humanitarianism to the ophany. Buy they write that the religion taught by the Apostles is not to be found to-day in any religious institution, and that they had rather read their Bibles, when so inclined, for themselves. The church, it seemed to be the consen-

sus of opinion among Mr. Stelzie's corre-spondents, should discuss sociological ques-Almost every labor leader who has replied to Mr. Stelzie has argued along the line that the church is not for the poor sermon is an appreciation of a popular novelation of the poor sermon is an appreciation of a popular novelation of the labor troubles, if treated at all. are handled from one standpoint only, Mr. Stelzie will take up the more sallent

go on to say that the church is a hypoc-risy.

Workingmen differ widely, if judged by their letters to Mr. Stelzie, in regard to

# DONEGHY-BOONE WEDDING TO-MORROW NIGHT-NOTES.

In this community there is no bigoted prejudice against Mr. Selbert because his residence has been elsewhere; but there is a firm demand that the Excise Commissioner be placed on a level in compensation with other officials of the compensation with other officials of the same class. Either a salary or a fee maximum fixed to suit the case should be prescribed by the Legislature.

ception. At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Doneghy, No. 384 Delmar boulevard, are golden wedding on Wednesday evening. January 30, at the Odeon, from \$ to 10. The cards announce dancing after 10 o'clock.

Miss Robertson of Jacksonville, Ill., who has been the guest of Miss Daisy Aull for a short time, returned home yesterday. Miss in a plot to rob the heroine as she dashes down the pike with the Kansas City, and Mrs. Andrew Ellison, wife of Judge Ellison of Kirksville, Mo., to arrive this morning. They will remain through the week. Mrs. P. E. Marshall, No. 5109 McPherson avenue, will have her Mrs. Porter H. Hovey and Mrs. Leon T. Brown of Kansus City. Doctor and Mrs. J. H. Duncan, No. 423 Westminster place.

are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Many functions will be given for the visit-ors before and after the wedding. Mrs. Duncan is to give a suchre this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Boone and the other ladies who have arrived. Mrs. J. H. Hall, No. 5465 Delmar boulevard, has cards out for a euchre on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. P. E. Marshall, whose trolley party on Sun-day afternoon was one of the largest and pleasantest affairs given for the bridal party and the young people, will entertain again on Friday afternoon, when she has invited sixty ladies to play six-har euchre. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Vin-sonhaler of the Franklin will give a large box party at the opera for Mrs. Hall's and Mrs. Marshall's guests. Mrs. John Doneghy of La Platta, Mo.; will visit Mrs. Ben Gray of Cabanne during the week.

Miss Anna Doneghy and her bridesmalds were guests of honor at a green-and-white luncheon given yesterday afternoon by Miss Grace Woodward, who is one of the six maids that will assist at the wedding to-morrow evening. A feature of the luncheon was the solemn ceremonial of cutting the bride's cake, which in days of yore used to be a part of the wedding supper programme, but which of late has been rele-gated to the bridesmalds' luncheon. Mise Doneghy cut the first silce, and then

taking time to consider his St. Louis appointments. It is a matter in which he might easily choose in haste and reindustrious old age, though perchance nostess, came the dime, significant of great riches, and to Miss Mary Lee Nicol of Kansas City, fate presented the ring, which goes to prove conclusively that she will be the next bride. Last evening the entire bridal party, men and girls, was entertained by Miss Wilson,

who gave a dinner. This evening the bride will give a dinner at the Mercantile Club, with covers laid for fifteen, and the decor ations in white and blue. A rehearsal will

Miss Johnston of Knoxville, Tenn., who has been Miss Goddard's guest for several weeks, departed for her home on Saturday.

Miss Johnston was greatly entertained while here, an uninterrupted succession of functions being given for her. One of the prettlest was Mrs. Edward Flad's tea last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Kern of West Pine boulevard

Miss Mabel Greene will give a tea this afternoon for Miss Judson of Rochester, N. Y., who is dividing her time between Greene and Mrs Shepard Barclay.

Miss Nina Burroughs of Edwardsville Ill., who was one of the bridesmaids at the Aldrich-Williams wedding last fall, has come down for the Doneghy-Boone wedding on Wednesday evening and will be the guest of Mrs. Robert Williams for a few

Miss Anne Sullivan passed through St. Louis yesterday en route to Dallas, Tex., where she will visit a school friend for a

Mrs. Edward Gould held the second and last of her postnuptial receptions yester-day afternoon at the residence of her moth-er, Mrs. D. B. Holmes, No. 3665 Delmar boulevard. The number of callers was large. Miss Somerville and Miss Helen Noel poured

for a tea on Tuesday, January 29, for her aister-in-law, Miss Susan Creighton Wil-

Aull gave a dinner on Saturday night for Miss Robertson.

Miss Etta Walker will depart the last of this week for a lengthy visit in the East, going first to New York and later to Wash

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Remington of No. 788 Euclid avenue celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding last evening at their residence, Scores of friends of the couple were present, and a large number of beautiful and useful pieces of cut glass were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Remington in remembrance of the celebration of their crystal wedding. Refreshments were served during the evening. Am present were:

J. Milton. O. M. Davis. Conrad.

Eva Ham. Annie Hartman Mary Treadway, Con Woodson.

ernoon, the Jefferson Chapter, Daughiers of the American Revolution, will be entertained by Miss Louise Dalton of 2881 Delmar ave-

### FOR ANOTHER PHONE SYSTEM. Union Men Take New Step in Fighting Old Company.

RETUBLIC SPECIAL. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 21.-Several conferences have been held between leaders of organized labor bodies of Dallas and members of the Board of Aldermen and some of the

the Board of Aldermen and some of the municipal executive officers, with a view of having granted to a company composed of laboring men a franchise for the establishment of an independent telephone system in Dalias.

The labor organizations of Texas are supporting a strike of union electrical workers in the State against the Southwestern Telephone Company, and this movement for a rival organization is enlisting keen general interest.

### ACCOUNTS IN BAD CONDITION. Railroad Cashier V. M. Beebe Is Charged With Being Short.

RETUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 21.-The officials of the St. Joseph Terminal Railroad gave out a statement to-day to the effect that V. M. Beebe, cashier of the company, who disap-Beebe, cashier of the company, who disappeared last Saturday, is short in his accounts. The discrepancy amounts to \$500, and may be greater when the auditors have finished. The mystery of Beebe's disappearance is still u solved.

T. W. Henderson brought suit against Beebe to-day to collect a note for \$250, given January i of this year, which, the plaintiff charges, was drawn up with fraudulent intent.

### WILL DEVELOP GAS FIELDS.

Illinois and Missouri Capitalists Will Prospect in Bates County.

ois and local capitalists have formed a nois and local capitaling have formed a company to develop the oil, gas and mineral fields in the northwest portion of Bates County. Natural gas has already been struck at Merwin, and the company proposes to spend \$50,000 to develop their

## ROARING MELODRAMA AND A PROMISING NEW "LUCIA."

Unusual Developments On Mr. Short's Stage.

Do you remember M'lisa, whose golden hair was hanging down her back in the long ago? And Dear, Delightful, Dolly Dutten of a drama that lingers no more? Dutton of a drama that lingers no more? And the hoydenish lady of "The Danites?" All of these and others like them? Which brings us up to Ora in "Lost

What a reminiscence she is, standing with reluctant feet, where the "aints" and "gol darns" meet-somewhere over in Indiana! Some city chaps come along-fellows like you see in life's funny pictures or in tailor shop windows. She picks hers out of the bunch, and with her winning ways and wondrous forms of speech tears him away from his haughty flancee in a manner thrilling to behold. She wears her bonnet down the midle of her back, just like the Mountain Pink used to do, weens a few lines on the perildy of men, jumps her trusty bicycle, shoots the villain in the hand by the lightning's fitful flash, keeps her brave act a secret, bestrides a horse and rides regardless of toll gates, saves the dam, preserves her aweetheart's honor and seeks to improve her education when not otherwise engaged.

There was a great audience at the Olym pic Theater last night-an audience that was dressed up a bit and possessed of Ibsen-

ish leanings.
It used all of the first half hour getting its bearings, for there wasn't a single fa-mous quotation in the first act, and villainy was rampant. After that, things were eas-

There was a ball at the West Baden Ho tel, where there occurred much dancing of the lingering lingerie variety. Time enough, however, for the viliainess to plot back of a Morris chair and enter into a sclemn compact with a gentleman with a face like a rubber manikin's. Then there



THE CARTOONIST'S IDEA OF "LOST RIVER."

was elaborate kissing between the guileless lassle with the bonnet and the town chap, who told her that the metropolis was waiting for her sunny smile. The orchestra atte supper and sipped a little beer. Then the Italian laborers who were working on the acqueduct came up to kill the hero. Did they kill him? Not in that act. He merely lighted a cigarete, picked up an ax that was right at hand in the gorgeously deco-rated ballroom and, single-handed, defled the howling throng without.

The guests were much pleased.

The act that follows finds the villainess in great distress. She hisses warnings to every one who will listen, secures the photograph that puts her parentage in a bad light, tears it up and does not destroy the pieces, looks handsome in a riding habit and leaves us guessing.

Hard upon this bit of dastardly plotting come to the Lost River quartet and a drove of sheep. The sheep didn't want to go and the quartet did, so we had three fine songs about sunset and ducky lady loves.

as she dashes down the pike with the noney to pay off the men. They conclude to shut the toll gate, secure the gold and But what is that dust in the distance? The girl is pursued! Other villains, as well, know that the unprotected maiden has

The gate is closed.

But what is that stalwart figure in a sandsome golf suit, standing on yonder ence? None other than our brave young

Quickly springing to the ground, with one turn of his vise-like hand, he throws open the gate and Ora dashes on and on. Then he shuts it again in time to stop the pursuers. He fires three times-in the

for our hero has a good heart.
"Come on at your peril," he laughs lightly, "for the next time I will shoot to kill!" ly, "for the next time I will shoot to kill." Needless to say, the villsins are much confused. Our young hero and his tried and true sweetheart have many other adven-tures, but, in spite of many difficulties, live

The management has prepared a scenic envelope of much excellence and variety. envelope of much excellence and variety. The players are mostly expable folk, who work very hard and earn their money. Miss Mary Sanders, who is distinguished in the profession for having had a successful law-suit against Mr. Marsfield, is the heroine, which she acts prettily and with some originality. Mr. Courtielgh is the handsome young hero who does things and Miss Tall. young hero who does things, and Miss Tail-ferro, who used to be famed as a child actress, is east in a sort of nonsense role. The performance as a whole is impossible,

Ezra Kendall "and Others" at the Columbia

It was with difficulty that Eara Kendall succeeded in breaking away from yesterday afternoon's audience at the Columbia. After a number of recalls he finally made a speech, saying that he had been called upon o address the overflow meeting in the cafe. All of Kendall's stories are new. When one stops to consider that this is the third original half-hour morologue he has offered at the Columbia in nice months, the question of how he collects his material becomes highly interesting. It really seems no effort for him to evolve stories that convulse his hearers. There is a constant play upon words that affords much of the hunor, but underneath this is a true-to-life description of things and people that brings the jokes home to the audience

Prederick Hallen and Mollie Fuller have a new sketch, by George M. Cohan, called "His Wife's Hero." Like most of the Cohanesque comedies, the story turns on an impossible case of mistaken identity. The fun is of the fast and furious variety, and weil serves the purposes of these clever entertuiners.

Two little girls called the La Page sisters pleased the crowd greatly with a number of lightning-like changes of costumes. It is oo bad that the most interesting part of the act-how the changes are made-is hidden from the spectators. Caron and Her-bert have not made many changes in their bert have not made many changes in their act besides cutting it down ten or twelve minutes. The old selizer water trick is happily one of the things eliminated. Some very good rope-jumping takes its place. Joseph Adelmann has a new list of selections for the xylophone, and now introduces smare drum exercises. Grant and Grant prove to be above the average run of colored entertainers, and Fisher and Carroll, Irish conversationalists, get many a well-deserved laugh. There is a child of 9 or 10, appearing with the Howard Trio. roll, Irish conversationalists, get many a well-deserved laugh. There is a child of 9 or 10, appearing with the Howard Trio, that should not be forgotten in the enumeration of good numbers. Her dancing is that should not be forgotter ation of good numbers. I tuly remarkable, both for cision of step.

### Miss Elsworth in "Lucia" Wins Instant Local Favor.

In the trying role of Lucia, so familiar to all of us that there is an exceptional temptation to pick flaws in any new presentment of it, Miss Estelle Elsworth, heretofore unknown to St. Louis, scored an un mistakable success in her first local appearance as one of the prima donnas of the Castle Square Opera Company, delighting a large and critical audience in Music Hail

last night. There are several things which account for Miss Elsworth's success. The first is a voice which, while not to be classed as genuinely great, is so true and sympathetic that it cannot well fail to win the friendliest favor of its hearers. The second is an earnestness, arising obviously from pure love of her work, which, when you come to think of it is a tremendous merit. The third is magnetism, that subtle something that may not be justly pinced to one's credit, inasmuch as it is not, strictly speak-ing, an artistic possession or acquirement, yet without which the greatest artist misses the highest attainment.
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There were times when Miss Elsworth's work was almost crude in its dramatic phases, but her true voice, her earnestness and her personal charm overcame this lack easily. She is a little woman, pleasant to look at, but not of a beautiful presence, and there seems to be something of child-likeness in her appeal to her audience. She has not the velvety smoothness of Norwood, but she won a footing which will require Norwood's best effort to equal. You will thoroughly understand this if you were of last night's audience and witnessed the exceeding enthuslasm of her triple curtain califat the close of the mad scene in the third at the close of the mad scene in the third

standing was secure from the moment of her solo in the second scene of the first act. This is a trying test for a new singer, and Miss Elsworth was a triffe nervous in the beginning, but the unconsciousness of self which comes from absorption in one's work soon possessed her, and the truthfulness and sweetness of her voice did the rest. In the duet with Edgar she grew in fevor In the duet with Edgar she grew in favor with the audience and in the great sextette of the second act her voice admirably sustained its full share of one of the best beloved of all operatic numbers. As I have already intimated, however, the crowning triumph of the evening, as always when any Lucia scores a triumph was in crowning triumph of the evening, as always when any Lucia scores a triumph, was in the mad scene, this being a moment when the house fairly rose to the new singer and brought her back time and again before the curtain to let her know with all the emphasis possible that she had fully met expectations. I believe that Miss Elsworth has the trick of getting into the hearts of people emotionally, even more

worth has the trick of getting into the hearts of people emotionally, even more than by her merit as a singer.

The cast last night was excellent in its leading figures. Mire Delamotta was the Edgar. This part, so full of dramatic fire that glows through its somberness, fits Delamotta's temperament to a nicety. Being also in his best voice, his work was first-class. Its appreciation by the andifirst-class. Its appreciation by the audi-ence culminated in the tomb scene of the last act, a culmination which, by reason of its late occurrence, robs the deserving Ed-gar of curtain calls that would otherwise be inevitable.

Mr. William Mertens as Sir Henry Ashton again made his title good as one of the most thorough artists, dramatically and musically, of all Mr. Savage's people. It is a treat to hear him in this singularly con-genial part. The role of Bide-the-Bent gave to the admirable basso, Mr. William H. Clarke, an opportunity for one of the most gratifying hits which he has scored this season. Clinton Elder's Sir Arthur Buck-law was a bit light and unimpressive, more so than would have been the case had just a suggestion of vigor and carnestness been perceptible. Mr. Herman Haynes in the minor role of Norman and Miss Rita Har-rington in that of allows. rington in that of Alice were fairly satis-factory. The chorus sang excellently, but should be drilled out of its awkward haste

in exits and entrances. The stage setting was unusually good, and the orchestral work was delightfully commendable.

And to-night Norwood will be the Lucia and Sheehan the Edgar and Luckstone the Sir Henry. It ought to be a merry race for popular favor this week, with Gertrude Rennyson also billed for Lucia on Wednes-day night. There is material for the hit of the season in the Castle Square production now on the Music Hall stage.

NUN SEEKS SHARE OF ESTATE. Mother Ignatius Expects to Go to

Old Mexico Soon. Mother M. Ignatius, mother superior of a branch of the Sisters of Charity in Mexi do., and a daughter of Antoine De Hatre. who died at his home near Bridgeton about a month ago, was in Clayton yesterday in attendance upon the Probate Court, urging prompt and speedy settlement of her ather's estate and also that of her mother, who preceded Mr. De Hatre to the grave by these courts.

father's estate and also that of her mother, who preceded Mr. De Hatre to the grave by about one month.

Mother Ignatius is devoting her life to charity and philanthropy and will soon depart for Old Mexico, where she goes to build hospitals. She realizes that she can do a great deal toward establishing the nucleus of the fund needed for the erection of the hospitals with her share of her parants' estates.

The De Hatres were very wealthy, especially Mrs. De Hatre. There are several heirs, but Mother Ignatius expects her share to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The estates are not yet in court.

Antoine De Hatre was probably the oldest and most constant member of the Young Men's Sodality of the St. Louis University. From her earliest childhood Mother Ignatius manifested an inclination to join the sisterhood and has now been a charity nun charge of the convent at Mexico for several years.

JURORS WITH OPPOSITE VIEWS. One Favored and Other Was Prej-

udiced Against Accident Suits. Frederick Fleer of No. 4561 Evans avenue was excused as a special juror in Judge Douglas's court yesterday, because he stated that he was prejudiced in favor of the plaintiffs in damage suits growing out

suit for damages against a railroad com-pany. He was asked if his prejudice was such that he could not give an impartial verdict. He said that unless it was shown that the plaintiff had been guilty of gross negligence that he would give a verdict in

negligence that he would give a verdict in his favor.

The disqualification of Mr. Fleer left the venire short, as there was no other special juror present to take his place. The attorneys agreed to allow a petit juror to sit. Before one was called, however, a Deputy Sheriff arived with L. E. Theodore Fischer, who had falled to obey a summons to serve 2s a special juror, and was brought in under an attachment. He was placed in the jury box and proved to be almost opposite to Mr. Fleer in his views. He stated that he was prejudiced as to damage sults, but that he could render an impartial verdict under the instructions of the court, according to the law and the evidence. He was not chosen on the jury, however, and was excused after being assessed \$1.50, the cost of the attachment.

### TRIED HER FATHER'S NEW RIG. Horses Ran Away and Miss Wolff Was Injured.

Miss Mabel Wolff of No. 22 Benton place and two companions, Miss Carrie Rebstock of No. 1413 Missouri avenue and Miss Ger-trude Hampson of No. 1415 Missouri avenue, trude Hampson of No. 1415 Missouri avenue, had a thrilling experience with a runaway horse Sunday afternoon.

On Friday Paul E. Wolff, Miss Wolff's father, purchased a new stannope. Miss Wolff and her companions called at the livery stable to see the vehicle. Sunday afternoon Miss Wolff decided to surprise her mother by driving around to the house in the vehicle, so she ordered it hitched up. She started off all right, but the team took fright at Grattan and Hickory streets and started to run away. At Missouri avenue and Rutger street the vehicle collided with a lamppost, throwing the three occupants to the ground and badly damaging the vehicle. Miss Wolff was slightly bruised about the body, but her two companions escaped injury.